

REMARKS

The Official Action of 26 October 2005 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

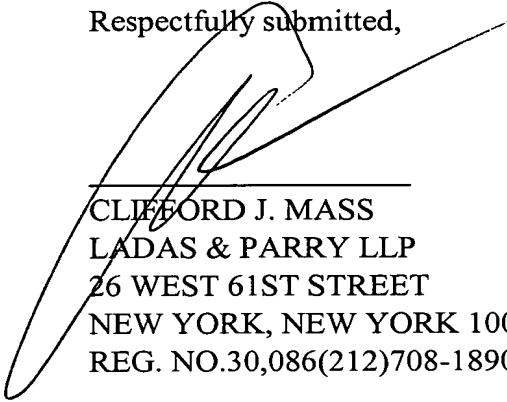
The title and abstract have been amended to remove the bases for the objections in the first paragraph on page 3 of the Official Action.

A replacement for Fig. 1 of the drawings is submitted herewith wherein reference numerals have been added to show the claimed features of a CCD camera (reference numeral 82) and "an image density calculation device" (reference numeral 84), thereby to remove the basis for the Examiner's objection at page 2 of the Official Action. Support for these features appears in the specification as filed at, for example, page 43, second full paragraph to page 44. The specification on page 43 has now been amended to insert the aforementioned reference numerals and thereby to assure correspondence between the specification and drawings.

In response to the requirement for an election of species appearing on pages 3-4 of the Official Action, Applicants hereby elect species 2, wherein the image density of the dot is measured. Claims 8-13 read on this species.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that they have complied with each and every requirement in the aforementioned Official Action, and now respectfully request an early examination of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Fig. 1 of the drawings as filed with the replacement figure submitted herewith.

The replacement is needed to comply with the drawing requirement of the Official Action of October 26, 2005. A marked up copy of the original drawing is also submitted herewith to show the changes made.

